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UPGRADATION OF CENTRAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is upgrading the Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI) to international level;

(b) if not, the reason therefor;

(c) whether the research facilities available in the Institute are of international quality;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the new varieties of high quality paddy developed during the last three years; and

(e) the steps taken to conduct research by CRRI outside its campus?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Indian Council of Agricultural Research keeps on strengthening its research Institutes. Need based strengthening of Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI), Cuttack is contemplated in XI Five Year Plan.

(c) & (d): Institute has modernized research laboratories and other infrastructure facilities for undertaking research in frontier areas such as molecular biology, biotechnology, aerobic rice research etc.

A total number of 67 rice varieties have been developed by this Institute for different ecosystems. Nine new high yielding varieties namely; `Virendra` and `Abhishek` for upland ecology, `Naveen` for irrigated ecology, `Varshadhan` for medium deepwater ecology, `Ajay` and `Rajalaxmi` (hybrid), `Geetanjali` and `Ketekijoha` (aromatic rice) and `Chandrama` for Boro situation has been developed during last three years.

(e) CRRI conducts the on farm research on salinity, upland research, iron toxicity, zinc deficiency and Front Line Demonstrations on different aspects outside its campus i.e. at Santhapur (Cuttack), Dhenkanal, Erasama (Jagatsinghpur), Puri, Balasore, Bhadrak etc.

In addition, the Institute has two sub-stations namely; Central Rainfed Upland Rice Research Station (CRURRS), at Hazaribag and Regional Rainfed Lowland Rice Research Station (RRLRRS), at Gerua. These are engaged in conducting upland research and flood-prone research, respectively.

Further, two Krishi Vigyan Kendras, i.e. KVK, Santhapur (Cuttack), Orissa and KVK (Koderma), Hazaribag, are involved in conducting Frontline Demonstrations, on farm trials and training programmes in respective districts.